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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/806,295
Applicants : LaColla *et al.*
Filed : March 22, 2004

Confirmation No. 1837

TC/A.U. : 1617
Examiner : Gregory W. Mitchell

Docket No. : 06171.105033 (IDX 1008 DIV)
Customer No. : 57263

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 28, 2006

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

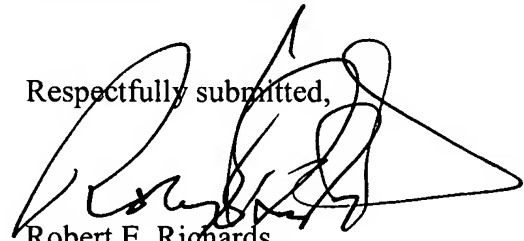
Sir:

A Final Office Action was mailed in the above-identified application on June 28, 2006. The non-extendible deadline to respond to the Final Office Action, with a 3 month extension of time, is December 28, 2006. Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (a)(1), in order to submit an Amendment and Response to the Final Office Action.

Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the Commissioner to charge \$1,810.00 to cover the \$790 fee for filing this request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) and the \$1,020 extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this request, should they be due, to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

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